

MAYOR PAFF NAMED

Unanimously Renominated by Democratic Party.

PRIMARIES ARE ON APRIL 21

Lack of Opposition Necessitates Voting in but Two Wards—Democrats Not Anxious to Accept Office. School Board May Be Called Upon by Commonwealth Officials.

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Alexandria, Va., April 4.—At a meeting of the city Democratic committee tonight at the Opera House Cafe, Mayor F. J. Paff was unanimously declared nominee of the party.

The meeting was harmonious, and as there is but little opposition for places on the board of aldermen, the primary slated for April 21 will be held only in the Second and Fourth wards, the candidates in the First and Third wards being without opposition. The polls at the primaries will be open from noon until 7 o'clock in the evening.

In the First ward, Alderman J. M. Hill and Councilmen E. S. Leadbeater and H. R. Burke were declared the nominees. The candidate for alderman from the Second ward will be W. W. Ballenger, incumbent, who will be opposed by Harrie White. The candidates for council will be Howard W. Smith, B. D. Bynumback, and Carroll H. Gray. Councilmen Henry Strauss and J. V. Williams declined to stand for re-election. In the Third ward, Alderman H. K. Field was declared the nominee and for council, as were also Councilmen R. L. Monroe and J. T. Harrison. In the Fourth ward, Alderman W. H. Sweeney was declared the nominee, and Charles R. Marshall, F. C. Spinks, incumbents in council, will be opposed by C. W. O'Meara.

Those who enter the primary will be compelled to pay their portion of the expenses on or before April 15. Announcement was made that another meeting of the committee would be held April 15 for the purpose of completing plans for the primary.

It is reported that C. R. Yates, a member of the city school board from the First ward, has telegraphed School Examiner Maples to come here Monday morning for the purpose of preventing the city school board from using the Ewing property, a three-story brick structure, for school purposes.

The city school board, at a recent meeting, decided to lease the building for a period of three months for the girls who occupied the third floor of Peabody building. Desks and other school furniture were to-day removed from Peabody to the Ewing property.

It is expected that the pupils on the third floor of Howell public school building, used for small boys, will be transferred to Armory Hall Thursday next. The grand jury recently recommended the closing of the vacated schools.

Miss Margaret Curran, sixteen years old, who reached here Wednesday, and told the police that she had been abducted from Philadelphia on Monday last by a strange man and woman, was to-day taken to Washington by Mrs. M. Anderson, a matron of the Alexandria hospital, and placed in the House of Mercy. She will be detained there until some one arrives for her from Philadelphia.

The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the Prince William Horse Show Company, incorporated, of Manassas, with a maximum capital stock of \$10,000. The object of the association is to conduct a horse show. Following are the officers: N. T. De Pauw, president; W. A. Buckley, vice president; T. H. Lion, secretary.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of a three-act drama entitled "The Oak Farm," which will be produced by the Elks Dramatic Club at the Opera House during the first week in May, under the direction of A. D. Montier. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Alexandria Free Kindergarten.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church South to-morrow morning will be conducted by Rev. E. V. Register, presiding elder of the Washington district. The services at night will be conducted by R. L. Downing, formerly an actor.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on W. W. Simpson in the Police Court this morning on a charge of failure to send to police headquarters a written report of a pistol pawned at this place by a colored man.

Miss Emma V. Griffin, of this city, and William P. Welsh, of Washington, were married last night at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, by Rev. Dr. W. F. Fisher.

In the Circuit Court in vacation to-day, William B. Pendall was appointed administrator of the estate of John F. Tackett.

FIND ALEXANDRIA BOY.

William Birchmire Apprehended by Wilmington Police.

Special to The Washington Herald. Wilmington, Del., April 4.—William Birchmire, a lad of thirteen years, who ran away from his home in Alexandria, Va., was found here last night in a restaurant near the Pennsylvania Railroad station by Patrol Sgt. Horwate.

The local authorities had received a description of the runaway, together with word to arrest him.

The youthful traveler, who, it is said, took \$10.50 from his father's purse to pay his expenses, had a suit case filled with fried oysters, oranges, and a large quantity of other edibles. He said he wanted to be sure of his food.

Young Birchmire, who was employed in a glass manufactory, where his father is a blower, said he was on his way to Pennsylvania, N. J., to see his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Armstrong. The father of the boy was notified of his capture, and will come to Wilmington after him.

May Be Washington Man.

Special to The Washington Herald. Wilmington, Del., April 4.—The body of an unknown white man, supposed to be from Baltimore or Washington, was found in the street at Seventh and Union streets early this morning. The victim, who was about sixty years old, and an umbrella under, evidently died a natural death. Cards were found on the victim, reading as follows: "Thomas C. Burns, Baltimore umbrella shop, 127 South Arlington avenue, Baltimore, Md." A note book was also found in his pocket with several names and addresses of Washington persons written therein.

Crawford Young Paralyzed.

Special to The Washington Herald. Boyds, Md., April 4.—Crawford Young, of Buck Lodge, near Boyds, was paralyzed yesterday afternoon while confined to bed. He has been ill some time. Mr. Young's condition is thought to be serious. His children from Washington, D. C., and from Frederick County were summoned to his bedside.

THREE OYSTERMEN DROWN.

Heavily Clad Men Sink When Sloop Overturns.

Norfolk, Va., April 4.—As a result of their oyster-laden craft being swamped by heavy seas, W. V. Miles, Henry Tyler, and William Tyler, oystermen, were drowned to-day.

All wore heavy rubber boots and oilskins, and when their sloop filled sank quickly.

CONFERENCE TO BALTIMORE.

Methodists at Snow Hill Arrange for Session in 1909.

Snow Hill, Md., April 4.—The Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in 1909, will be held in Clark Memorial Church, Baltimore.

This was determined at to-day's meeting of the conference, now in session here. The invitation was extended by Lay Delegate W. O. Atwood, and the Rev. F. S. Bowers, pastor, and accepted by a rising vote.

The electoral college of the conference to-day received the report of its committee appointed to canvass the vote taken yesterday to elect thirteen ministerial and thirteen lay delegates to the general conference, which meets in Pittsburgh in May. The result showed that ten of the twenty-six delegates, six ministers, and four laymen had received a majority of the votes of the college, and were, therefore, elected. They were the Revs. T. H. Lewis, F. M. Sheridan, F. T. Tagg, H. L. Eldridge, F. T. Little, and J. W. Lay. Lay Delegates State Committee Joshua W. Hering, Messrs. T. P. Fisher, Daniel Baker, and W. O. Atwood. This leaves six more ministers and nine additional lay delegates to be elected.

A second ballot for this purpose was taken this morning, and the result will be announced to-morrow. Among the prominent men who are being boomed for lay delegates are State Senator Frank Harper, and Superintendent of Education M. Bates Stephens.

WANTS COIN FOR AFFECTIONS.

Husband of Mrs. Stouffer Sues Hagerstown Business Man.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., April 4.—A suit for \$5,000 damages for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections has been instituted in court here by Ellis M. Stouffer, a city letter carrier, of Hagerstown, against Barton Leslie Potter, proprietor of a Hagerstown cafe. Some time ago Mrs. Stouffer instituted suit in Baltimore against her husband for partial divorce and alimony. These proceedings are still pending.

Charles Harris, sixty-three years old, a veteran passenger conductor on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, died suddenly at his hotel in Hagerstown this afternoon, following an illness of a few days from heart trouble and asthma. He had been in the employ of the railroad company for twenty-eight years, his run being between Hagerstown and Roanoke, Va. Two daughters live in Roanoke and a son at Ellicott City, Md.

His mother and brother reside at his old home at Riverton, Va., where his mother and brother reside.

HARPER FIRM CHARTERED.

Former Bank President to Go Into Drug Business.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charleston, W. Va., April 4.—Charter of O. M. Harper, former president of the State Bank, has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Robert N. Harper Company, Washington, D. C., to manufacture and deal in drugs; authorized capital, \$100,000; paid, \$20,000; incorporators, R. N. Harper, B. S. Minor, W. V. Berry, J. M. Kenyon, and C. C. Tucker, all of Washington.

Potomac River Railway Company, Keyser, W. Va.; principal offices, Piedmont, W. Va.; to build railroad from Keyser to Ellicott City, Md., authorized capital, \$150,000; incorporators, L. P. Frobe, J. J. Bentler, C. H. Geiger, C. M. Burkett, and Antone Korn, all of Wheeling, W. Va.

COLONIAL BEACH AFFAIRS.

Citizens' Association Elects Officers and Committees Named.

Colonial Beach, Va., April 4.—At the meeting of the Colonial Beach Citizens' Association held Friday evening, the following officers were installed to serve for the ensuing year: Joseph Dierken, president; George S. Whitmore, vice president; W. A. Cooper, secretary; Louis Hartig, treasurer.

The constitution having been approved the following committees, authorized thereby, were appointed:

Committee on Membership—H. E. Dickson, John A. Seiler, W. J. Yate.

Committee on Transportation—William H. Fisher, William A. Seiler, H. Wood.

Committee on Press, Publicity, and Printing—G. S. Whitmore, J. J. Hogan, W. S. Cullen.

Committee on Lights, Signals, and Streets—John Ruppert, John Martin, C. A. Emme.

Committee on Sewers and Water—D. S. Williams, George C. Venable, C. F. Uhl.

Committee on Fire and Police Protection—Capt. J. R. Sutton, F. P. Cusick, J. H. Wood.

Committee on Building Regulations—Louis Hartig, Harry Hall, J. E. Halal.

Committee on Mail, Telegraph, and Telephone Facilities—W. A. Cooper, George T. Shannon, F. G. Lee.

Committee on Health—Dr. Joseph Poppiard, Dr. F. P. Depetti, T. A. Burns.

Mr. Fitzgerald, editor of the Colonial Beach paper, was present and made remarks concerning matters of interest to residents of the beach. He dwelt particularly upon the efforts being made by the Business Men's Association of Colonial Beach to secure better transportation facilities.

Harbor Master Sutton informed the members of the serious illness of Capt. E. S. Randall, the head of the local steamboat company.

Three new members were elected. The meeting adjourned to meet Friday evening, May 1, in St. Joseph's Hall, Fifth and H streets, northwest.

NO CHILDREN AT BURLESQUES.

Marshal Farnan, of Baltimore, Issues Ultimatum.

Baltimore, April 4.—Boys under fourteen years old, and girls under sixteen will no longer be allowed to attend the burlesque theaters. Marshal Farnan has given orders that the law regarding the admission of children into these places must be enforced. The proprietors of the theaters have promised to obey the law.

Notices that children under the prescribed ages will not be admitted have been posted in the playhouses. Already a great many have been refused admission.

Church Cornerstone Robbed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., April 4.—The cornerstone of Providence Methodist Church, Rowan County, in which was placed a quantity of money and a number of valuable books, some weeks ago, was robbed by unknown parties during the past week, all the contents being taken. There is no clue to the guilty persons, and the community is agitated over the theft.

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PREMIER'S DAYS NUMBERED

Asquith, Who Will Follow Bannerman, as Party and Cabinet Leader, Cannot Understand Arguments of Other Side—Much Beer Consumed in Past Twenty-five Years.

London, April 4.—Just such a split as occurred in the Democratic party in the United States when Bryan was first nominated, threatens to rend the Liberal ranks in England.

The break will bring the Conservatives again into power. The Liberals, with the Radical and Conservative elements acting independently of one another, cannot last a day.

Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's personality alone has held the two factions together so long. No other Liberal leader possesses his gifts as a conciliator.

Sir Henry's days are numbered. He is seventy-one years old and mortally ill. Though he should live for a few months more, his retirement is imminent. Already, from his sickroom in London, he is corresponding with King Edward at Biarritz, relative to his resignation.

Asquith to Succeed Him.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith will succeed him as party and cabinet leader, and party chaos must soon follow. The Liberals themselves are as sure of it as are their political opponents. The Radical element does not conceal its determination to wreck the general organization rather than let the Conservative wing have its way. The reactionaries would rather merge their identity with the real old Conservative party than submit to extremist domination.

The military radicals number about two-thirds of the Liberal present majority of 159 in the House of Commons. They have it in their power to defeat the administration whenever they please by an adverse vote on a party measure, and precipitate a general election. There have been signs of late that the Conservatives would win at this time against the combined Liberal vote. With the latter party split in twain, there can be no question of Conservative majority.

Indications of Revolt.

Several times during the premier's illness there have been indications of a revolt. The breach opened since the first of the year is too wide ever to be closed again.

The radicals are devoted to social reform, and particularly to schemes for eliminating poverty from England. They insist on a reduction in naval expenditures and the use of the money on public works, where all the country's idle can find employment.

Chancellor Asquith, a red-hot Conservative, can no more see the Liberal side of the controversy than could Grover Cleveland sympathize with the Bryanites. He is a fighter, too, a strict disciplinarian, and believes in handling the radicals without gloves.

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POLICE SEEK SWINDLER.

Once Brilliant Student at German University Lapses Into Crime.

Paris, April 4.—Photographs and an account of his past performances have been sent to the police abroad with a view to the capture of an adventurer, Maurice George Guttman. He is a Pole by birth, thirty-five years old, well educated, and has had, it appears, a varied experience in London.

His identity was revealed as the police were searching for a certain Joseph Pey, who disappeared a month ago from a hotel in Milan with over \$30,000 in jewelry and money belonging to a Russian dancer, whom he had accompanied from Moscow. The police have been established that he is the much-wanted Guttman.

He was once a brilliant student at Heidelberg, but soon after he left the university an amorous adventure made him take flight to London, where he adopted the name of Schumann, and became a teacher of languages. Trouble like the first made him seek refuge in Paris, where he soon got a term of imprisonment for attempting to extort money.

When he was free he reappeared in London as Baron de Gourdel, and devoted himself to robbery.

Eventually he was arrested and sentenced in England to five years' penal servitude. On his release he took to the road, was extradited to France, and sentenced to a fresh period of imprisonment.

On his release he went, under the title of Count de Polban, to Brussels, where he was implicated in a marriage swindle which brought him \$12,000.

It is considered not improbable that Guttman may be in London trying to dispose of the stolen jewelry.

BAR WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

English Officials Follow Example of United States.

Watchmen Visits England and Discusses Immigration with Haldane.

London, April 4.—Although Commissioner Watchorn's visit is private, he has been looking into the workings of the British alien immigration act and has been discussing the subject with Secretary Haldane and Chief Inspector Porter.

The discussion centered principally on the white slaves and the anarchists, in both of which the British government is equally interested with the United States, as regards repressive measures.

When the immigration of these two classes was discussed by Watchorn and Porter three years ago, the latter showed himself especially doubtful as to the merits of the British act in regard to the working classes, and in addition, the companies bringing emigrants to the United Kingdom for transshipment to the United States are compelled to give a guarantee of \$25,000 that the immigrants will not remain in this country. This clause has since been fully enforced with beneficial results far beyond Porter's expectations.

Commissioner Watchorn is gratified especially regarding the vigorous application of the law against anarchists. Without an understanding, a sort of reciprocal working has sprung up regarding anarchists, and now what America aims at achieving and what Inspector Porter is a fighter, too, a strict disciplinarian, and believes in handling the radicals without gloves.

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WASHINGTON ON THE ROUTE

Start Will Probably Be Made at Buffalo and Take in Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, and Atlantic Coast—Gotham Auto Carnival Attracting Much Attention.

General commendation of the makers and clubs has been the result of the decision of the A. A. A. touring board to allow the clubs to organize any number of teams of three or more cars for the annual tour of the association. The makers who have been interviewed of late have invariably promised to have representatives on the great tour, and it now seems probable that on account of the new rules the tour will have an entry list double as large as last year, and then some. One city will put forth at least five teams, and Buffalo will undoubtedly have two and perhaps three.

The team from Buffalo last year was composed of five cars, representing three makers, when it won the trophy for the third time for the Automobile Club of Buffalo. Two of the members of the successful team were Pierce Great Arrows, both of which ran perfectly throughout, and the George N. Pierce Company now proposes to place a team of three in the field as representatives of the Buffalo club. There will be no difficulty on this score, as the Pierce Great Arrow was represented on the New York, the Pittsburg, the Buffalo, and Philadelphia teams last year.

Under the present rules the teams will be massed under one club. The outlook for the tour of 1908 is such as to lead to the prediction that at least 200 cars will take part, and for that reason the route proposed from Buffalo through Pittsburg to Washington and Baltimore and thence up the Atlantic coast, touching at all the large cities and the great summer resorts, is commended for the reason that accommodations will be more easily secured along such a route.

Much interest is being shown in and around New York in the automobile carnival of this week, which is to be a sort of spring opening in addition to a celebration of the completion of ten years of the industry. There will be an illuminated parade on the night of April 7 and a hill climb on April 9. In addition to this there will be a general decoration of all the agencies and salesrooms in the city and a tremendous bid for publicity and the awakening of the buying public. Weather conditions seem to favor this system of "bringing out" the season's output at this time. The fact that Chicago will follow suit seems to indicate that the plan is worth a general trial. It is likely that other cities will also have automobile weeks.

As the time approaches for the running of the Briardiff trophy race, set for April 2, it becomes apparent that there is considerable work still to be done on the roads and in the construction of a grand stand and official structures. Reports made last week indicate that a portion of the course is impassable. This being called to the attention of Robert Lee Morrell, the chairman of the manufacturers' committee, in charge of the race, a determined effort has been made to institute work in getting the course into shape. It is likely that these difficulties will be overcome and that the race will take place as planned. It should be a successful race on the number and quality of the cars entered.

The members of the New York Athletic Club who own automobiles have formed an automobile section, which was formally launched at a dinner held on Thursday evening, April 2, at the clubhouse, in Central Park south. This section, which practically takes rank as an automobile club of the first magnitude, was started with nearly 400 members, all of whom own machines. The new organization will concern itself largely with touring and will strive to some extent with racing in or near New York.

It is said the announcement made by the American Motor Car Manufacturers' Association that the body is considering the installation of a traveling railroad show of automobiles for next season does not indicate that this will do away with the New York show. An impression had got abroad that the new show plans would be the only ones worked out by the organization. This is said to be untrue.

The Motor Car Racing Association of Baltimore has made application for a sanction for track races to be held at Pimlico Park, near that city, on Decoration Day. This is the first